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For: LOCAL PLASMON RESONANCE SENSOR  
AND EXAMINATION INSTRUMENT

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.